

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An indicator for a straddle type vehicle, comprising:
a dial plate; and
scale markings provided on the dial face,
wherein each of the scale markings protrudes from a flat dial face of the dial plate and is provided with a slant face inclined relative to the flat dial face for reflecting external light.
2. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 1, wherein each of the scale markings is provided with two slant faces inclined in opposite directions to each other and a ridgeline formed between the two slant faces.
3. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 1, wherein each of the scale markings is provided with at least two slant faces and a top face connecting upper edges of the at least two slant faces, and a width of the top face is formed to be smaller than a height of the top face from the flat dial face.
4. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the slant face is a curved surface which bulges outwardly.
5. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 1, wherein each of the scale markings has an upright projecting portion and an upper portion having the slant faces, the upper portion being formed onto an upper end of the upright projecting portion.

6. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 3, wherein a ridgeline or the top face is inclined in a longitudinal direction of the scale markings.

7. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a skirt portion of each slant face has a general shape of a streamline in plan view.

8. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a skirt portion of each slant face has a general shape of a wedge in plan view.

9. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the flat dial face is formed to allow for passage of light from behind the dial plate and the scale markings are formed to block off light from behind the dial plate.

10. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of scale markings having different levels of reflectivity are provided.

11. An indicator for a straddle type vehicle, comprising:
a dial plate; and
means for reflecting external light provided on the dial face,
wherein the means for reflecting protrudes from a flat dial face of the dial plate and is provided with a slant face inclined relative to the flat dial face.

12. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 11,

wherein the means for reflecting is provided with two slant faces inclined in opposite directions to each other and a ridgeline formed between the two slant faces.

13. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 11, wherein the means for reflecting is provided with at least two slant faces and a top face connecting upper edges of the at least two slant faces, and a width of the top face is formed to be smaller than a height of the top face from the flat dial face.

14. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 11, wherein the slant face is a curved surface which bulges outwardly.

15. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 11, wherein the means for reflecting has an upright projecting portion and an upper portion having the slant faces, the upper portion being formed onto an upper end of the upright projecting portion.

16. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 13, wherein a ridgeline or the top face is inclined in a longitudinal direction of the means for reflecting.

17. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 11, wherein a skirt portion of each slant face has a general shape of a streamline in plan view.

18. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 11, wherein a skirt portion of each slant face has a general shape of a wedge in plan

view.

19. The indicator for a straddle type vehicle according to claim 11, wherein the flat dial face is formed to allow for passage of light from behind the dial plate and the means for reflecting are formed to block off light from behind the dial plate.

20. A method for manufacturing an indicator for a straddle type vehicle comprising:

- providing a dial plate;
- arranging scale markings on the dial plate;
- protruding the scale markings from a flat dial face of the dial plate; and
- reflecting external light with slant faces of the scale markings inclined relative to the flat dial face.